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Missouri National Guard Captain Richardson participates in the third annual 9/11 Stair Climb. The stair climb was hosted by the Northwest Student Veterans Association from 7-10 a.m.

Show-Me-Gold hosts third annual 9/11 memorial walk

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The University’s Show-Me Gold program and the Maryville Fire Department held the third annual 9/11 memorial stair climb from 7-10 a.m. Sept. 9 at Bearcat Stadium. Attendees participated in a 2,071 step climb to pay respects to the 343 firefighters who bravely climbed that number of stairs in the collapsing World Trade Center.

According to Zakary Moore, president of the Student Veteran Association, this is the first stair climb with Show-Me Gold’s involvement.

“The first two events were hosted by Career Services, but they took a step back, and we stepped up for this year, and going forward, it’ll be hosted by us,” Moore said. “We’ve had 60 or so people that have shown up and done the events so far.”

The walk started off with Interim President Clarence Green giving a quick speech before an invocation of prayer. Maryville Fire Chief Phil Rickabaugh then said a few words, and the walk began with news footage of the attacks being played on the stadium’s video screen. Rickabaugh

“

That was the day that Americans came together like I’ve never seen. We were Americans, and we all helped each other to support New York City and all the victims.”

-PHIL RICKABAUGH

said he was glad with the turnout of the memorial walk and as a firefighter, it was bittersweet seeing the support at the event from young people.

“I think the event was well attended for not actually being on Sept. 11, and that was good to see because it’s been 21 years, so it’s good to see that’s still in the mindset of some folks, especially the younger generation of students that were in attendance. That was really refreshing to see,” Rickabaugh said. “To me it was just good to keep that memory alive of that day that changed America.”

Climbers would walk up the stairs in the student section over and over again until they topped 2,071 stairs in total. They could climb by themselves or in teams of two to five. On Sunday, Sept. 11, the Bell Tower chimed at 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:37 a.m. and 10:03 a.m., marking each time the four planes crashed that day.

One of the climbers was junior Dane Corum, a student veteran. Corum has been in the army for four years and is a combat medic, and he plans to go to officer candidate school this summer to make a career out of the military.

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Presidential prospectus approved at regents meeting

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The Northwest Board of Regents approved the presidential search prospectus to begin the process of the presidential search, and approved a bonus for Northwest faculty, at its Sept. 8 meeting.

After input meetings were held Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 and a survey was sent out to allow the community, faculty, staff and student to give feedback on the qualifications expected of a new president, Anthem Executive — the firm selected for Northwest’s presidential search — and University Marketing compiled a list of characteristics and requirements to be sent out to potential candidates for the position.

Michael Ballew from Anthem Executive said after the open forum input sessions and looking at the 221 responses on the survey, Anthem met with the Presidential Search Committee and other groups to help make this prospectus.

“The feedback from the surveys really reflected what we heard in the in-person forums, there were really no surprises,” Ballew said. “One thing that continues to emerge loud and clear, and, you know, I hate to keep repeating what John (Moore) said here, but there was a clear love that everybody has for Northwest.”

Everything that was said in the forums were not included on the prospectus, but Ballew said they tried to capture the spirit of what everyone was looking for in a new president.

The 11-page document outlines the tasks the next president will be responsible for as well as desired and required traits. Some of the required traits are having a minimum of five years of experience in upper-level administration, requirement of a terminal degree, the willingness to lead fundraising efforts and having commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Ballew said someone who was dedicated to diversity and inclusion was echoed throughout almost all of the input sessions that were held in August.

Some of the desired traits of a new president highlighted in the prospectus was having a record of successfully leading an organization, experience in high education administration and experience in a classroom of a post-secondary institution.

“You’re not going to find someone who has every single thing, but we strive for that, and we get as close as we possibly can, and we help the committee narrow down from there,” Ballew said.

Not only does the document outline what Northwest is looking for in a candidate, but also what Northwest and Maryville have to offer. Northwest Academic programs and the hands-on learning experience opportunities were highlighted along with the success of athletic programs.

This prospectus is on the Northwest website and will be distributed to potential candidates for the position.

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# Local business owners host pop-up event, share struggles

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Since COVID-19, small businesses have been growing rapidly. Even in Maryville, many locals and students are turning their hobbies into something others can enjoy as well.

Kelsey Perry, the owner of Perrylinkle, asked three other small local businesses to come together and give Maryville a fun, large pop-up event, the Golden Days pop-up Sept. 10 at Something Borrowed. It featured Perrylinkle, Eden Coffee, the Milo Company and Harlow x Brooks.

Perry is from Maryville and attended Northwest until her business started rapidly growing and became a success, and she left school to focus on her passion.

Perrylinkle was created nine months ago. It is a jewelry business, but it's not your typical jewelry. She personalizes the chains to fit customers perfectly. Customers choose from a variety of different chains, then Perry sizes and safely welds the bracelet, anklet or necklaces to fit perfectly.

Perrylinkle provides services for events like weddings or birthdays, private appointments and pop-ups.

The business owners collectively agreed running a small business can be a lot of fun, but they deal with a lot of difficult choices and behind the scene action most owners don't realize when they start up.

"I would say don't worry about what other people are doing. Do your own thing and if someone does the same thing as you or if someone doesn't agree with what you are doing, don't worry about it," Perry said. "I really struggled with that at first because I wanted to make everyone happy and support what I was doing, but that is never gonna happen."

Tannah Lager is the owner of the Milo Company. She is from Galton, Illinois, and graduated from Northwest in December 2018 with a major in agricultural business. She is a business owner and full-time photographer. She grew up around the business industry because of her mom, who owns a boutique and has always sold jewelry.

She has been running her business since the summer of 2020 and has naturally dealt with a lot of ups and downs between then and now. Events and pop-ups



Perrylinkle owner Kelsey Perry, Milo Company owner Tannah Lager, Harlow x Brooks owner Chloe Nally and Eden Coffee owner Kylee Cowling come together at Golden Days pop up event Sept. 10.

are hard when it comes to deciding how much product and what styles she should bring. She has learned a lot about running a retail business and keeps learning new things every day.

"If you have a strong head and are willing to put in the work, then you are going to succeed," Lager said. "If they are going to do it seriously and want to make something out of it, they are gonna have to put a lot more work in than maybe a lot of people would realize. It's not just getting to play dress-up."

The name and logo for the Milo Company was inspired by her Australian shepherd named Milo. She was influenced by the western fashion industry after taking a silversmithing class in

2019, where she learned to appreciate the history and work that goes into each piece.

Most of Lager's jewelry is Native made to help support their culture in jewelry making. She loves making her own pieces and is working on her silversmith skills. Lager wants to make women feel more beautiful in the pieces they wear.

Chloe Nally, owner of a boutique called Harlow x Brooks, wanted her shop to reflect her personal style, the versatility of all different styles and her family.

"I always knew in the back of my mind what I wanted it to be, but it took a little bit to figure out, so I gave myself three months. I wanted it to reflect my own personal style like someone was

shopping my closet," Nally said.

Nally was born in Maryville but grew up in Colorado. She graduated from Northwest in 2019 with a major in marketing. She is married and has a son named Brooks, which inspired the name of her store. Harlow was their girl name, and Brooks was the boy name they had chosen for their firstborn.

"It is a women's clothing boutique—I really enjoy the clothing industry and really liked the buying aspect, so I wanted to be able to choose styles I was carrying," Nally said. "I knew I wanted my own business, and I like to be creative, so I knew it was a good way to showcase that and still get to be myself."

Nally always knew she wanted

to be in the retail industry; she worked for Maurices from when she was 16 until she was 20 years old. After college, she managed a boutique but had to leave when COVID-19 hit. She then decided to start up her own boutique in February 2021 with the help from her husband.

Family has been a big part of her company from the start. She was pregnant during the time of figuring out all the logistics, and she then had her son in June 2021. When posting photos, Nally had help from her sister and family friend who were her models since she couldn't showcase her clothes personally because of her bump.

"My inspiration was for my future kids. I wanted them to see that even through all the hardships, like I was let go and pregnant, but we just kept pushing forward, and I wanted it to be an inspiration to them," Nally said.

Kylee Cowling took inspiration from her faith when creating her coffee shop, Eden Coffee.

"I wanted to use this as a tool to share the gospel, so I named it Eden Coffee after the Garden of Eden," Cowling said.

Cowling is a senior at Northwest and is majoring in applied health science with an emphasis in aging studies and a minor in health information systems and is from the Kansas City area.

Eden Coffee first started as a love for drinking and making coffee because it was cheaper. It then soon transformed into a business that she saved and started on her own.

Friends were always telling Cowling she should start selling and making coffee for others, but she always rejected the idea. Until one day, she just decided to add it all up to see how much it would cost to start and found wholesalers, like the roast she uses now called Attack Coffee.

All the businesses mentioned are online only. They do not have physical shops, but they do participate in events and pop-ups like the Golden Days. They each have social media platforms, such as Instagram and Facebook, in their companies' names.

"Be original, be yourself, whenever you have a small business, that's what is going to set you apart because small businesses are super trendy right now," Lager said. "To set yourself apart, you need to just be you, keep your eyes on you. You are your biggest critique and worst enemy."



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DAKOTA WEAVER | PHOTO EDITOR  
Councilman Bryan Williams listens as Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland talks about a community hangar at the Northwest Regional Airport. This new hangar will be used for long term storage.

# Council contemplates cash

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Maryville City Council continued its discussion on the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2023 in preparation for finalizing the budget at its Sept. 26 meeting.

City Manager Greg McDanel spearheaded a discussion on the budget at the council’s Sept. 12 meeting, noting the city’s capital improvement funds and its comprehensive plan, which includes multiple different softwares.

Within the budget for the comprehensive plan, an item line was for the addition of NeoGov software. NeoGov is a resource that specializes in helping streamline processes for human resource departments specifically in the public sector.

Human Resource Manager Roxanne Reed said she’d been doing research on how to make human resource processes more efficient in Maryville.

“Being a department of one, it’s hard to keep up with everything, but this would help with applicant tracking and allowing people to apply, submit an application online,” Reed said. “We don’t have that capability

## City reviews draft budget for upcoming fiscal year

through our website right now.”

With the approval of this line of the budget, Reed said this would help the department be more structured with the onboarding of employees by allowing them to upload employment documents as well.

Other software mentioned in the budget discussion was the continuation of software for the finance department, new asset management software for public works and a new piece of software for the cemetery.

Public Works Director Matthew Smith said the department has large data sets that require a larger computer to work with. This budget item would be for a high-power computer that will allow it to do 3D modeling and work with city-wide data sets.

The addition of CemSite software was also included in the draft of the next fiscal year after feedback from city staff. City Clerk Stacy Wood said the staff spends an abundance of

time communicating with people when trying to help them find loved ones in the cemeteries in town.

“I spend a lot of time researching with someone who is trying to find somebody, who is looking for cemetery plots, and it’s a lot of back and forth because they aren’t able to physically see something,” Wood said.

Wood said the current mapping system is run through an Excel spreadsheet. With the addition of this software, it would allow citizens and staff to have an easier system of finding loved ones within the cemeteries and also will help those who may be interested in buying a plot.

**Community Hangar at Northwest Missouri Regional Airport**

Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland said the city is budgeting for a study to be done at the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport for the first phase of an

addition of a community hangar.

Heiland said the hangar would be used mainly for long-term storage for local community members who want to store their planes. The new hangar will also have room for helicopter and jet storage, which Maryville currently has no option for.

With the completion of the runway obstruction removal projects, Heiland said this is now the No. 1 priority for the airport.

The money for this study will come from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program through Non-Primary Entitlement funds. NPE funds allocate \$150,000 every year in which the funds are able to be used for the following three years.

Heiland said the city is looking at using the remaining \$76,000 from the 2019 allocation as well as dipping into the 2020 funds for this project.

“What the goal is is to use the full 2019 NPE funds as well as probably a little portion of the 2020 to get this designed, then we’ll be looking at budgeting the construction of a community hangar in (Fiscal Year) ‘23 or ‘24 budget with that,” Heiland said.

# Local farmers talk inflation as harvest season begins

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Inflation. This daunting word has been trolling the news nationwide and has had a chokehold on not just the price of gas, but also farmers across Nodaway County, especially with harvest season starting soon.

A farmer west of Maryville is faced with relentless challenges that are out of his control within a typical year of farming. As planting season came and went, he noticed the arduous consequences of inflation.

Jason Hull’s operation typically rotates corn, soybeans and wheat every planting season. This year, corn grew tall in his fields.

When planting corn, most farmers will utilize a nitrogen

fertilizer called anhydrous ammonia. According to MU Extension, anhydrous is one of the most effective and efficient sources of nitrogen used for plant growth.

“Anhydrous is twice as much as it was a year ago,” Hull said.

The price went from \$80 an acre to \$180 an acre, according to MFA Agri Services. Farmers across Missouri had to make the tough decision of whether to invest in anhydrous this year.

Hull emphasized how important it was to have good management. Farmers must be honest with themselves to know where they went wrong so they can continue to improve year after year.

“You have to break out the pencil or the spreadsheet or

whatever and see how it makes sense and make the best situation work for you,” Hull said. “This year is more of a head-

“I would say, easily, it’s \$300 more an acre to produce corn than last year.”

**-JEFF MEYER**  
MFA LOCATIONS MANAGER

scratcher because the price of putting the crop in is so high.”

Regarding inflation, farmers

must take input prices into consideration. The local MFA has been working with farmers in all aspects of their farm operations. Jeff Meyer, the locations manager at MFA, has noticed an increase in application charges, freight, delivery costs and other areas. This has slowly begun to dictate what its customers can spend their money on.

“On the backside of inflation costs, commodity prices are inflated as well. (Farmers are) going to do well if they raise a crop,” Meyer said.

Luckily, this part of the state has been very fortunate with good amounts of rain and sun, so the crops are predicted to make a positive turn for most farmers. Farmers will be able to sell their crops at higher prices.

One reason inflation is so

high is due to the supply chain issues that have struggled since COVID-19 began. What would usually take a week to get in is now taking months. It has been difficult to receive supplies.

In the future, Meyer mentioned that food is going to continue to rise in price.

There are 1,859 producers in this county who are faced with this situation; 96% of those producers operate on family farms. This affects not just farmers, but all those who buy food for their families, clothing prices, transportation prices and everything in between.

“As inputs rise, it causes everything to rise. Input prices for farmers are at historic levels,” Meyer said. “I would say, easily, it’s \$300 more an acre to produce corn than last year.”

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# CRIME LOG

for the week of Sept. 15

## Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Sept. 10

There is a closed investigation for an alcohol violation on West Seventh Street.

There is a closed investigation for an alcohol violation in Hudson Hall.

## Maryville Department of Public Safety

Sept. 12

A summons was issued to **Kelley M. Weed**, 18, for a minor in possession on the 700 block of North Walnut Street.

**Sept. 11**

There is an ongoing investigation for stealing a motor vehicle on the 100 block of West Sixth Street.

**Sept. 10**

There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a motor vehicle on the 900 block of South Main Street. A summons was issued to **Anthony D. Jack**, 20, for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and equipment violation on the 1500 block of North Country Club Road.

**Sept. 9**

A credit card was recovered on the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

A license plate was lost or stolen on the 300 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Connor J. Burgess**, 20, for failure to appear in court on the 300 block of North Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Francisco J. Arias Molina**, 27, for driving while intoxicated and not having a valid driver's license on the 900 block of South Main Street.



Northwest Missouri State Show-Me Gold leader Captain Richardson carries its flag while climbing the stairs in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attack.



Student veteran junior Dane Corum participates in the 9/11 Stair Climb. Corum has been in the army for four years as a combat medic.



Senior TJ Goldizen makes the climb in remembrance of those who had lost their lives. Goldizen is the former Northwest Student Veterans Association president.

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“Between firefighters and military alike, 9/11 is always something that we hold dear to our hearts for people that were lost, so to come out and kind of experience what those firefighters had to go through on that day and climb all those stairs is really important,” Corum said. “It really puts it in perspective.”

Another climber was Staff Sgt. Tim Martin. Martin joined the military in 2005 and wound up working field artillery with the National Guard while he was deployed in Afghanistan.

“The people of Afghanistan are probably some of the most interesting down-to-earth people that I’ve met. I feel like those people can persevere through anything,” Martin said. “I met a lot of really cool people over there. Obviously the Taliban weren’t overly friendly.”

Martin said the climb was a solemn reminder of the firefighters and first responders who died saving lives that day, worth paying homage to. Martin was a freshman in high school biology class when a TV was rolled into the classroom, just in time for him to see the second plane hit the tower. Rickabaugh recalled where he was that day, working at the fire station when somebody came in with the news and turned their TV on.

“I think like most of America, we were glued to our TV sets. Most of that whole day, and the days that followed, were just in disbelief,” Rickabaugh said. “But then again, the flipside of that is that was the day that Americans came together like I’ve never seen. We were Americans, and we all helped each other to support New York City and all the victims. It was just something that we hadn’t seen for a long time.”

# Senate hears final diversity presentation

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The Student Union Ballroom was full of students clad in team jerseys in keeping with this week’s theme, waiting for President Elizabeth Motazedi to call the session into order.

The 100th Student Senate convened this Tuesday for its fourth meeting of the semester, as well as its fourth and final presentation from Assistant Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett.

Before Mallett took the stage, the Senate heard from Natural Sciences Assistant Professor Peter Adam, calling for volunteer victim role players for Missouri Hope.

Mallett’s previous presentations to the Senate have covered implicit bias, microaggressions, power, privilege and oppression, and this week’s presentation was over inclusive language and culturally competent language. Through the presentation, Mallett’s goal was to get students to think about how they talk to one another and be aware of other people in the room when they are speaking.

“What I’m hoping to accomplish during this presentation, is you just start thinking about how we communicate and the language that we use in conversations with other people,” Mallett said. “Whether it’s gender related, sexual orientation, race related, just start to think about inclusive language and how we can communicate in a much more effective way.”

A further goal of the lecture was to avoid some of the consequences of a non-inclusive environment (such as depression and lowered GPAs), give students strategies on how to use culturally competent language and how to avoid using language that may offend

a person or make a person feel excluded in the environment. Specifically, he was giving this presentation to students in hopes that fostering a more inclusive environment through language will create a more inclusive attitude.

“If you are here in the Student Senate, and you’re creating an inclusive environment, it is going to allow the entire Senate as a whole to feel stronger, confident and addressing issues related to diversity and inclusion, but it also builds your own self-awareness,” Mallett said.

Throughout the presentation, Mallett gave alternative language to use when addressing certain groups of people, as well as the impact of our words on people who are a part of a minority group. Focusing upon the fact that a person’s preference in how they are referred takes precedence over personal opinions just to be respectful. The point of respecting everyone around you was heavily emphasized as a main focus as all of the previous presentations.

“You have to be willing to treat people with respect and consideration...everything that I’ve been talking about over these last three weeks, and even this week, it comes down to respect,” Mallett said.

After completing the final presentation, all of the members of the Senate have completed the University’s JEDI program, a program that aids in educating students and getting students involved in diversity and inclusion.

After final announcements were given, and inspirational words from Secretary Garrison Kennedy were spoken, the fourth Student Senate meeting concluded, and the room was filled with whispered conversation again.



Sophomore Class President Chloe DeVries looks at Justin Mallett as he covers his fourth and final presentation. Mallett’s last presentation includes inclusive language and culturally competent language.



Interim President Clarence Green and Regent Chair John Moore sit next to each other at the Sept. 8 meeting. Regents discussed the presidential search prospectus.

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Regent Chair John Moore said he will be holding Zoom sessions with anyone from the Northwest community who has an interest in hearing an update sometime during the week of Sept. 19.

Moore said it would probably be around eight to 10 weeks before the firm starts hearing back from candidates, but he will be holding that session nonetheless to answer questions and provide an overview of where things stand.

## Employee Retention Payment

After looking at the prospectus, the regents went on to approve a \$1,500 bonus for employees. This cost is estimated to be around \$1.8 million for this one-time payment.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Stacy Carrick said this payment would be funded through one-time budget savings that were made predominantly through COVID-19 when money was saved through not traveling and lower utility costs.

This one-time retention payment is for employees who are benefit-eligible. Employees must be employed as of Oct. 1 and must stay employed through Feb. 1, 2023. Employees also can’t be in-

involved in an active Performance Improvement Plan as of Oct. 1.

“We know about 170 employees will receive it, but we do anticipate that 95% plus will be eligible,” Carrick said.

Interim President Clarence Green said this is something he thinks everyone is very passionate about.

“...We know the charge in the direction that the Board of Regents has given us to really address total compensation,” Green said. “So, this is a first step, but we don’t plan to negate our efforts toward compensation moving forward.”

Payments are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 28, 2023.

## Other Board of Regents

**Business:**

Regents approved the appointments of 17 adjunct instructors and one full-time faculty member.

Regents approved the appointment of a new University Police Department Officer Tanner McKinney.

Carrick presented what Northwest’s state appropriation requests will be for Fiscal Year 2024. These requests include funds for campus infrastructure, money for the Dairy program through the School of Agricultural Sciences for things like the micro-creamery facility and milking barn upgrades, and renovation of Brown Hall.



Citizens don't need access to AR-15s



I know what some of you are probably thinking “She’s a crazy liberal! She wants the government to get rid of all our guns,” which is not true. I only want the government to ban one gun — the AR-15.

There have been multiple mass shootings that have involved AR-15s in the last decade. The shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018, which killed 17 people, and the shooting in Las Vegas in 2017, which killed 58 people, are just a fraction of the list.

An AR-15 is an assault style weapon whose bullets can travel 3,251 feet per second, which is nearly three times faster than a 9 mm handgun, according to the Washington Post. An average AR-15 can let off 45 rounds in one minute. When modified illegally, it can shoot up to 400 rounds or more. This is not something that most guns are capable of. You don’t often hear stories of dozens of people killed by a handgun. But you do hear that about AR-15s.

An AR-15 is a weapon of mass destruction. It’s meant for war, and it’s designed to kill hundreds of people in minutes. It’s not something the average citizen should have their hands on, certainly not before you can drink or smoke.

The suspects in the shootings in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York, were both 18 years of age. You can buy a weapon capable of killing dozens before your brain is fully developed, before you can rent a car on your own. Make it make sense.

Bottom line, AR-15s are not something that an average person needs. There are plenty of other guns with less destructive power to choose from.

AR-15s are far more trouble than they’re worth. Thousands of lives have been lost at the hand of these weapons, and we can’t continue to stand by while they take more lives.

There have been 481 mass shootings in the U.S. in 2022 alone, according to the Gun Violence Archive, compared to the 691 in 2021. These are both extremely high numbers, and we need to do everything we can to get this number to go down.

Compared to other countries in the world, this is extremely different. For example, Australia experienced a mass shooting in 1996. Following this, the country initiated gun buybacks that added up to around 1 million guns being bought back. Since then, there has only been one mass shooting in the 26 years since this was done according to an article written by the New York Times.

This isn’t the only country that has experienced a decline in mass shootings after banning certain weapons. Britain and New Zealand have also enacted similar gun restrictions. If they can do it, the U.S. can. The Assault Weapons Ban of 2022, which bans certain semi-automatic weapons, including AR-15s, has already passed in the House, and it’s on the Senate to pass it.

Put people’s lives before your guns.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat loves deleting messages

Apple finally released iOS 16, and I’m gonna be completely honest with you, it was a let down. It was a tragedy, but nonetheless, they managed to get one thing right — allowing me to delete text messages. I am about to become a menace to society, and it’s all Apple’s fault.

I already love being able to turn on a focus mode that gives people a little blue message that says I am not taking any messages at the moment. Now, I can be even more petty? Sign me up.

If there is one reason I love using Snapchat, it’s that I can send whatever I want, delete the message and watch people become bothered. It is such a power move to delete a message and then say “it’s nothing.”

I am about to terrorize everyone I know by simply deleting a text and then watching their anxiety unfold into seven different “why did you delete that?” texts from them.

I know it’s malicious, and I would hate to be on the receiving

end, but when you give me an opportunity like this, there is no way I’m not taking it.

But then wait, get this, imagine you ask why I deleted it and my read receipts are on, so I just leave you on read. Dude, the amount of power. You might be shriveling into anxiety, I on the other hand am evil laughing like I am about to create a device to destroy the world.

Don’t even get me started on drunk texts. You’re telling me I can send a message that I know

I will regret, and my friend can actually fix the problem by just deleting it?

I know Snapchat has had this for years, but it isn’t the same. Texting is, and forever will be, more formal than Snapchat, so having this feature is a dangerous game to play. I am not sorry for whatever actions I am about to endure.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the Northwest Missourian.



ALEXANDRIA MESZ CARTOONIST

OUR VIEW:

Tailgaters need to be held responsible for the grass lot

It has been brought to not only our attention, but the general public as well, the grass lot clean up is being neglected. A lot, bought specifically for students and Northwest fans in general to enjoy tailgating among a dry campus, has left people in dismay.

It has, over the years, become a social norm to discard beer caps, seltzer cans and jello shots on the ground. That isn’t the end of the issue though. After throwing trash on the ground, it is being stepped on, driving it further into the ground.

Interim President Clarence Green made a tweet saying “See you at the grass lot in order to clean up your mess! Should have been done Friday.” The first unfortunate event in this situation is that it had to be tweeted, the second is that this may spiral into a weekly tweet.

It’s hard to fathom that tailgaters are blatantly destroying someone’s property without putting in a least bit of effort to help clean it up.

We must emphasize it is someone’s property. The 12.3 acres of the grass lot have been owned by JCBL Development LLC since 2009. Though they own the lot for the purpose of allowing the students to use it for tailgates,

they do not help with the clean up afterwards.

We can’t blame them for that choice. They are not the ones that scattered the cans across the lot, tore up the grass and then left it all there for someone else to pick up — and we shouldn’t expect them to.

These people have been nice enough to buy out a lot for tailgate use, the least that could be done is clean it up, not only as a thank you, but to also keep our community clean. The lack of cleaning up the lot is a new issue at hand, but it shouldn’t be.

In past years, Delta Sigma Phi would go to the grass lot the morning after and clean the entire lot. This year, with its decrease in members, it is not able to sufficiently take on the duties of cleaning the lot.

If we have to be completely honest with ourselves, though it was voluntary, it shouldn’t have been expected of them to clean the entirety of the lot alone. Delta Sigma Phi members were not the only ones attending the tailgates.

The solutions are simple and laid out in front of us.

Those in attendance at the grass lot are factually the ones creating the mess. We should be requiring those in atten-

dance to be the ones to clean the mess.

Some have suggested tracking social media, looking into who was at the grass lot and making them clean up the mess. We don’t believe that this is the most effective solution and unfortunately isn’t viable.

Rather, trash cans or dumpsters need to be placed sporadically throughout the lot, giving the tailgates a place to discard their trash. We can’t be upset about the amount of trash on the ground if there isn’t access to a place to throw the trash, but people should still attempt to pick up after themselves.

In reality, it will always come down to the people using the lot. Whether or not the trash cans are there, are people going to put forth the effort to walk to the trash cans or dumpsters? Currently, people aren’t even willing to put a can in the back of a truck rather than on the ground.

It’s ignorant to throw trash on the ground, never pick it up and assume someone else will pick up after you — and do it again at the next home game. This lot can be taken away from us just as easily as it was given to us. We need to show respect and start cleaning up after ourselves.

EDITORS NOTE:

While the Northwest Missourian is a safe learning environment for student journalists, we also hold each staff member to professional standards of news gathering and accuracy. The third to last paragraph of last week’s Our View was modified to clarify between the Editorial Board’s opinion and Caleb Phillips statement. The Missourian regrets this error and we thank you for your readership.

YOUR VIEW:

Do you think that people tailgating in the grass lot should be required to pick up the lot the next day?

CHESNEY ISHAMEL Freshman Pre Dental Hygiene



No, I think they should have a group specifically that goes out to clean after it’s over.

ANGEL WALLACE Freshman Graphic Design



Yes, it makes it look trashy and makes the campus look not well taken care of.

MAKAYLA BOHART Freshman Applied Health Science



Yes, it looks bad. Especially after game day.

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Northwest football redshirt freshman running back Tank Young attempts to bounce to the outside of the field with the ball, while sophomore offensive lineman Derec Weyer goes for a block against the Lincoln defense during the Bearcats' 58-20 win.

WESLEY MILLER SPORTS EDITOR

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He said the team takes pride in stopping the run game every year.

“We like to go into every game and say, ‘Hey, we’re going to stop the run, and there’s nothing you can do about it,’” Phillips said.

“We’re gonna hang our hat on that,” Wright said. “That’s something we feel we’re going to take away from you, and we’re going to make you one dimensional.”

In Week 3 of the 2021 season,

the Mules totaled 104 rushing yards against the Bearcats. Central Missouri ran for the second most yards in a game against the Northwest defense in the 2021 regular season, but the ‘Cats still came away with the 47-7 win.

Perhaps the biggest reason was then-sophomore quarterback Mike Hohensee, who made his first collegiate start against the Mules Sept. 18, 2021. Hohensee went 14-for-18 through the air and compiled four passing touchdowns while tackling on two touchdowns on the ground. Since then, the junior quarterback has started in 11

more games and, against Lincoln, threw for over 300 yards for the first time as a Bearcat.

While senior quarterback Braden Wright was out at the time due to surgery, both quarterbacks are active and will be used in the 2022 edition of Northwest versus Central Missouri.

The Bearcats will also continue another Family Day tradition against the Mules. Northwest will wear black jerseys, just like it has since Sept. 24, 2011. Scott Bostwick wanted the team to have black jerseys as alternates. His dream came true, and the Bearcats donned the black

jerseys for the first time in their 70-17 win over Fort Hays State on 2011’s Family Day. The black jerseys will be paired with a red logo on the players’ helmets — another tradition.

Phillips said it means a lot to put on the black jerseys and go out and play in front of the home crowd on such a meaningful day.

“It’s one of those legacy weekends,” Phillips said. “Scott Bostwick left a legacy of just being, not only a great coach, but a great man. We really want to uphold that and kind of honor him through how we play this weekend.”

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After a 45-14 win over Chilli-cothe, the Spoofhounds are 2-1. The ‘Hounds have scored 40 or more points three consecutive times to start the season and are averaging 45.3 points per contest. In comparison, Pius averages 38 points.

This matchup will be a classic battle of great offense versus great defense.

Senior running back Caden Stoecklein said Pius is a good football team and has good players at every position. He said every win is good, and every win against a conference opponent is helpful toward gaining the MEC title.

Defeating the reigning champs, the senior said, will put the team in a good position for not only the conference but a better seed for the playoffs.

“This game is huge for us, especially for conference and district seeding,” Stoecklein said. “Pius is a very good team and getting a win Friday would be huge for down the road in the playoffs and hopefully winning a conference championship.”

The Spoofhounds are on a two-game losing skid to the Warriors. The most recent loss was Sept. 17, 2021, when Pius escaped Maryville with a 14-13 triumph.

Webb said last year’s result, especially losing at home, adds motivation for this year’s matchup. Stoecklein seems to agree.

“We always want to win against every team,” Stoecklein said. “There is definitely a chip on all of our shoulders to beat Pius, especially after losing to them two years in a row. We are ready to be back on top of the conference and hope to get that done.”

Stoecklein said in order to stop the losing streak, the Maryville coaches are helping the players be ready in every aspect of the game, and the players just have to go out and execute the game plan.

Webb said Pius runs more of a pro-style offense, so the focus is on making sure to tackle well. He said on the offensive side it’s all about execution in order to put points on the board.

“They’re not a one-dimensional team. They are a full offensive, defensive and kicking team,” Webb said. “They’re a championship-caliber team because they’re a good team in all three phases, that’s what makes them good.”

Webb said the Spoofhounds need to be good in all three phases themselves to challenge Pius.

The offense is not alone, with the Spoofhounds defense holding its opponents to 14 or fewer points in the last two games.

“I feel like we’re playing really good this time of year, so it should be a great matchup,” Webb said. “If we continue to do the things that we’re doing good, it’ll be a great ball game on Friday night.”

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Bearcat soccer also earned its first ever votes for the United Soccer Coaches Division II Top 25 Poll in the first regular season poll. As someone who covered the soccer team in 2021, it seems like the Bearcats are even better this season, and the results on the pitch are starting to show it.

Both Northwest cross country teams entered the season at No. 4 in their respective pre-season coaches polls. If for some reason there was a question on whether or not the two teams deserved it, they both not only solidified their case for the ranking, but made a case to be higher with the men’s and women’s teams claiming first in their first meet, Bearcat Open.

It was a dominant showing for both squads. The women recorded the top six times at the meet and had two more in the top 10. The men owned the top three times and seven in the top 10. I’m by no means an expert at anything cross country related, especially the running part, but I don’t think it takes one to know that’s an amazing way to kickstart a season. If the two teams can make it a pattern, they’ll climb the MIAA rankings in no time.

Both Northwest tennis teams are preparing for the fall Inter-collegiate Tennis Association regionals and cup. While the Bearcats may play more matches in the spring, they’ve had a fair share of success in the fall in the past, and they certainly have the athletes on both squads to continue that success.

On Aug. 26, I tweeted, “Quite the time for fall sports at Northwest.” A few weeks later, it’s just as true as it was then.

I’m not sure how this fall stacks up to the rest of the years in Northwest’s existence, but I do know having so many good teams at the same time is not something to take for granted. Almost every other article right now about Northwest sports is that one of them has won, and the rest are seemingly about how a player has won an award.

Some schools don’t even have one successful team this fall, and a lot more don’t have this much success across all sports.

Some things you shouldn’t enjoy, like when you get your lanyard stuck on the doorknob, but you should enjoy being able to see so many good teams in one place.





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Northwest volleyball graduate student outside hitter Kelly Wiedemann jumps up for a kill on the ball during the Bearcats' 3-0 sweep over Missouri Western.



MAKAYLA POLAK EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
During Northwest volleyball's match against Missouri Western, sophomore middle blocker Abby Brunssen throws the ball up in preparation for a serve.

# Volleyball prepares for road trip

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Northwest volleyball started its conference schedule against MIAA foe No. 16 Central Missouri Sept. 7 in Warrensburg, Missouri.

The Jennies secured a 3-2 win over the Bearcats, but it wasn't easy for them. After the first two sets, Northwest found itself down 2-0.

Graduate student outside hitter Kelly Wiedemann said the No. 13 Bearcats came out flat, but, after the first two sets, they adopted a more gritty mentality which helped the 'Cats mount a comeback attempt.

The Bearcats began their comeback bid with a decisive 25-10 win in the third set. The fourth set was closer but ended with Northwest on top 25-20. The Bearcats tied the match 2-2, but that's where their comeback came to an end.

Junior right side Jaden Ferguson had a standout week af-

ter 28 kills through both games against Central Missouri and Western.

"I mean, in the first few sets, we didn't have a ton of intensity," Ferguson said. "So, we were looking to come out into that third, fourth and fifth set with a lot of intensity. I think it was good to show us that we can hang with really good teams and push through in tough games."

Next on the docket for Northwest was its first home game of the season against Highway 71 rival and MIAA foe, Missouri Western.

The first two sets were played like one might imagine two close rivals would play each other. Northwest started the match with a close 25-22 win in a back-and-forth first set. The back-and-forth battle continued into the second set, the 'Cats went on to win the second set 28-26.

The third and final set of the match did not follow the pat-

tern of the first two, and Northwest won comfortably, 25-14, to sweep the Griffons and go 1-1 in its first week of MIAA play.

"It's always fun to play at home, especially our first home game, to be able to put together a good game and win in front of the home crowd," Wiedemann said. "For me, specifically, it was my first home game as a Bearcat, so that was a lot of fun."

After one game inside Bearcat Arena so far, the Bearcats will be back on the road against two MIAA foes, Emporia State and Washburn.

"It's difficult to be on the road, but we started out with a nine-hour bus trip, so the two-hour and four-hour bus trips should feel really short for us, but we're ready to go. We like being on the road," Ferguson said.

The Bearcats have a six-game winning streak against the Hornets, dating back to Oct. 21, 2017. Both teams are 1-1 against the MIAA this season.

"The MIAA is just a really great conference, so every game in the conference is important for us," Wiedemann said. "These two games are really important, just to kind of set the tone for the rest of our conference games."

After traveling on Sept. 16 to Emporia, Kansas, the Bearcats will travel on Sept. 17 to Topeka, Kansas, for another top-25 game against undefeated No. 2 Washburn.

Northwest has won the last four matches, including the second round of the MIAA Tournament.

"We do our systems at a high level, and coming out and playing our volleyball, doing what we know how to do best and working as a team is really going to get us that win," Ferguson said.

After the two-game road trip, Northwest will return home to play Pittsburg State at 6 p.m. Sept. 21 in Bearcat Arena.

# Northwest soccer defeated by Jennies for first loss of season

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During the past weekend of matches, Northwest soccer tied against Missouri Western and lost its first game of the year to Central Missouri.

The Bearcats started their third weekend of the 2022 season with a road game in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Lily Ellis recorded her fourth shutout of the season. Northwest had opportunities to score in this game, with 20 shots compared to the Griffons eight.

However, 11 saves by Western sophomore goalkeeper and MIAA goalkeeper of the week for the week of Sept. 12 Keeley Kroonenberg kept the Bearcats at bay. Junior forwards Kaylie Rock and Teagan Blackburn as well as sophomore forward Sophie Cissell, recorded three shots each. Senior midfielder Annelize Aleixo also contributed with two shots.

Northwest returned to Bearcat Pitch, where it had a tough test against the Jennies who came into the game with a record of 4-0-1.

It was a defensive battle the whole game, with both teams combining for 22 shots. Cissell and Rock both had two shots each.

"I feel like we've been getting better every game on defense. We are excited for what's about

to come," Aleixo said.

In the 72nd minute, sophomore midfielder/defender Yessenia Arnau nearly scored the go-ahead goal, but it was saved by Jennies goalkeeper Sydney Beck.

Toward the end of the game, with eight minutes left, Jennies redshirt freshman defender Kloee Grubb was able to push the ball past Ellis and into the back of the net. This score marked Ellis' first goal surrendered on the season and ultimately led to a 1-0 win for the Jennies, who improved to 5-0-1.

"I felt like the game was going to end in a draw," coach Gordon said. "I think there is disappointment from our players in what the result ended up being, but they also know that it was their first loss of the season, and you can grow and learn from a loss. It shows a lot of growth that we were able to keep it a close game against that type of team. We just need to keep training."

Defense has been huge for the Bearcats, as they have only given up 2 points this season. Gordon said one of those key players on defense has been sophomore defender Ashton Dain.

The team's reliance on Dain is showcased by her earning a start in each of the team's first six games and with her playing a total of 336 minutes so far this season.

Dain said she is very pleased with the way her team has come together to put on such a defensive effort through the beginning of the season.

"We connect and communicate well with the center-backs and the outside-backs," Dain said.

The Bearcats fell to 3-1-2 on the season and will attempt to bounce back this weekend as they travel to Joplin, Missouri, to play Missouri Southern at 6 p.m. Sept. 16. They will then start their conference schedule in Warrensburg, Missouri, to get a rematch against the Jennies at 1 p.m. Sept. 18.

"It's perfect that we get a rematch this quickly because we are going to go out there and get them this time around," Aleixo said.

In the first conference game of the 2021 season, Northwest tied Central Missouri 2-2 Sept. 26. The tie was the first official game that didn't end in a loss to the Jennies for the Bearcats since Oct. 1, 2009. Northwest has not defeated Central Missouri in nearly 14 years.

Before its first conference game of the 2022 season, Northwest will play Missouri Southern. The Bearcats won both of their games against the Lions a season ago, which extended their win streak over Southern to five.

Northwest will be looking to

get back on track after its first loss of the season, while Southern is still without its first win of the season, with a record of 0-5 so far.

"The results don't necessarily reflect the level of an oppo-

nent," Gordon said. "The Lions are better than their record shows. We have to prepare because they are at home, and everyone in our conference plays very well at home."



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Northwest football junior wideout Trevon Alexander hauls in a 35-yard touchdown pass during the Bearcats 58-20 win over Lincoln Sept. 10. Alexander caught five passes for 126 yards and one touchdown against the Blue Tigers.

WESLEY MILLER SPORTS EDITOR

# Northwest football looks ahead to Family Weekend

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For most games inside Bearcat Stadium, the stands are filled with fans donned in colors nearly matching the artificial grass on the field. Whether it's the east side, west side or even in the standing room between both sides, the place is typically covered in green.

On one particular Saturday, though, for every fall season for over a decade, the fans mix that green with a bit of red.

While Rich Wright can generally be seen wearing a red hat during game day in honor of the late Scott Bostwick, when Northwest football takes the field against Central Missouri Sept. 17 for Family Day, thousands of Bearcat fans will join in the sixth-year coach's tradition.

"Scott was a big part of my life," Wright said, followed by a short pause. "Yeah, we're gonna play well on Family Day defensively."

Wright was able to work with Bostwick for many years after he joined the coaching staff in 2004 as the defensive line and special teams coordinator. Bostwick was the team's defensive coordinator for 17 seasons. When Mel Tjeerdsma decided to retire in the winter of 2010, Bostwick was slated to take over as the team's new head coach.

He never got to start a new season as the head coach of Northwest after dying of a heart attack June 5, 2011.

Senior linebacker Sam Phillips has had plenty of opportunities to hear about the legacy of Bostwick. Chad Bostwick, Scott's brother, has served as assistant coach and linebackers coach for Northwest since 2011. While being coached by Chad Bostwick, Phillips said he's heard plenty of stories about Scott Bostwick.

"It's just kind of ingrained in you with that family atmosphere," Phillips said. "You take that on as a player. Something coach (Chad) Bost-

wick says Scott would say is, 'We're gonna fly around with our hair on fire.' That's something we're gonna try and do this weekend."

With the success the Bearcat defense has against the run game so far this season, it almost seems like the Bearcats have already started running with their hair on fire.

Northwest is currently No. 4 in Division II in rush defense. The Bearcats allowed a mere 18.5 rushing yards per game through the first two games and 0.7 yards per attempt. Honing in on stopping the opponents' rushing attack typically bodes well for Northwest, which is 28-4 in the Wright era when the defense holds the opponent under 100 yards rushing.

As one of the team's captains, Phillips helps the defense work as a unit to stop the opposing offense's run game.

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Maryville Spoofhounds junior quarterback Derek Quinlin drives through the hole to gain yards during the Sept. 9 game against the Chillicothe Hornets. The Spoofhounds will travel to Kansas City Sept. 16 to face off against the St. Pius X Warriors.

DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR

# Maryville football aims for revenge against St. Pius X

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After winning its first Midland Empire Conference game of the year, Maryville football will look to continue the quest for a conference title against two-year reigning conference champion St. Pius X Sept. 16 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Coach Matt Webb said Pius has good coaching and coachable players, which makes the Warriors a very good team.

"They've won the MEC the last two years. They've made

deep playoff runs," Webb said. "The last two years they've had a good defense, and we're gonna have to do our best on offense to put some points on the board and find a way."

The Warriors are 3-0 on the season and are coming off a 45-6 beatdown of Cameron. Those 6 points surrendered to Pius are the only points scored on the Warriors through the first three games of the season.

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# State of Bearcat sports: Why this semester is special



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It was a hot afternoon, as is most afternoons this time of year. I just got to my apartment. I unlocked the door and as I walked in, my lanyard caught on the doorknob. As anyone else would in that situation, I immediately start searching through my life memories to find just where everything went wrong.

Of course, as more time separated me from that disaster, I started to realize maybe things aren't too bad. As I thought about the good things going on, I began to consider what a good start it has been for Northwest Athletics in the new school year. One of you may question my train of thought, but we've all been there so don't judge too harshly.

It's true, though. Not just that we've all had weird trains of thought, but that it has been a great start for Bearcat sports.

Northwest football started the season as No. 2 in the American Coaches Association Poll and as No. 1 in the MIAA preseason coaches poll. The Bearcats then proceeded to defeat their first two opponents by an average margin of 26 points.

It's only the first two games, but no one is going to complain too much about starting the season 2-0, especially when it's achieved the way Northwest did it. Football hangs onto its No. 2 ranking after two comfortable wins, and it wouldn't be a smart bet to say the 'Cats are going to lose it anytime soon. As many know, it typically never is.

Now, Northwest volleyball. I'm going to take a page out of Jonathan Goldsmith's book and say I may not watch a ton of volleyball, but when I do, it's Northwest volleyball. Every time I try watching, the only time I see the ball is when they're setting back up for the next serve. But the Bearcats are more than just entertaining to watch, they create results.

Volleyball joins football in being nationally ranked, Northwest being No. 13 in the most recent ranking. The Bearcats started the season at No. 12 and as the preseason favorite to win the MIAA in the preseason coaches poll. They went on to go 7-3 through their first 10 games and are 3-2 against ranked opponents.

The conference schedule just started, and Northwest lost the first conference game to No. 16 Central Missouri, but the Bearcats have beat some quality opponents already. I wouldn't be surprised to see this team get better as the season progressed.

Northwest soccer is coming off its best season in program history, which helped secure the team's No. 4 preseason ranking in the MIAA preseason coaches poll. In the first six games, the Bearcats are 3-1-2. For comparison, soccer was 3-3 in the first six games in 2021.

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